

Appln No. 10/575,699
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-18 have been amended. Claims 19-22 have been withdrawn, and claim 23 is new. Claims 1-23 are now pending in the application, of which claims 19-22 have been withdrawn.

On page 2 of the Office action, the Examiner states that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372:

Group I Claims 1-18, drawn to an implant for temporary or permanent introduction into a human or animal body.

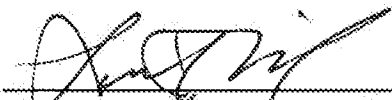
Group II Claims 19-22, drawn to a method for producing an implant for biocompatible material.

Applicants have presented new claim 23, which is drawn to an implant for temporary or permanent introduction into a human or animal body.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-18 and 23, drawn to an implant for temporary or permanent introduction into a human or animal body.

Consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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